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The Centennial Baptist Association convened with Mt. Carmel church, Bullock County, in the twenty-fifth annual session at 3 o'clock p. m., October 11, 1900. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. T. M. Thomas. After which the Association was called to order by the Moderator, [George Williams.

The first thing was the reading of the letters from the churches.

On motion the rule was suspended, and the Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot for the present officers, viz: George Williams, Moderator; B. T. Eley, Treasurer; and F. O. Bickley, Clerk.

The names of the messengers were enrolled as follows:
 Aberfoil Church—J. A. Beverly, C. W. Pitts, and F. L.
Ming.

Fairview—No representation.

Greenwood—W. E. Eubanks, G. W. Davis, H. S. Kirby, and H. Seay.

Hardaway—J. D. Brooks and M. J. Smith.

Indian Creek—J. S. Finlayson, G. A. Norris, W. H. Cope, T. M. Thomas, and R. E. Cope.

Inverness—F. O. Bickley.

Liberty—T. M. Hough and W. A. Powell.

Loflin—E. A. Brooks and H. F. Traywick.

Macedonia—W. A. C. May, P. F. Rotton, and W. A. May.

Mt. Carmel—J. E. Jenkins, D. G. Jones, J. E. Wilson, Henry Stewart, and James Jones.

Mt. Zion—No representation.

Perote—No representation.

Sardis—J. L. Childs, and J. F. Martin.

Union Springs—Rev. A. P. Pugh and George Williams.

The Moderator appointed a committee on Religious exercises as follows: J. A. Beverly, W. A. Powell, and the Pastor and Messengers from Mt. Carmel church.

The names of correspondents and agents were enrolled as follows: Troy Association, Rev. J. W. Dickinson; The Pea River Association, Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, who represented the Alabama Baptist and the State Board of Missions.

Petitionary letters were called for, and F. O. Bickley presented a letter from Inverness church, (which has recently been organized) asking for membership in this Association. After reading the letter the Moderator appointed A. P. Pugh and T. M. Thomas to enquire into the orthodoxy of the new church, who reported favorably, and, on motion, the church was received into the fellowship of the Association, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the representative of that church.

The Executive Committee reported that there has been nothing before them this year.

On motion this body will meet at 9 o'clock a. m., and adjourn at 4 p. m.

The committee on Religious Exercises report that Bro. W. B. Crumpton will preach at 11:30 o'clock to-morrow.

The body adjourned.

Friday's Session.

Friday morning, 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. W. Dickinson.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

The report of committee on Sunday Schools was read, and, after some discussion, adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The condition of our Sunday Schools in the state is not very encouraging and this fact should be an incentive to every member of the church to a betterment of the plans of running them.

The following figures give a status of our work: 1,700 churches; 800 Sunday Schools; enrollment in Sunday Schools, 40,000; enrollment of church members, 125,000.

Not half of our churches have Sunday Schools, and less than one-third of the membership attend Sunday School.

Everywhere the public schools are improving in text books and plans of teaching and we, too, must improve the Sunday School in methods and practical efficiency.

Every teacher in the Sunday School should be a consistent member of the church and regular in attendance, otherwise the pupils will be lacking in interest and the Sunday School will retrograde.

The Sunday School should be under the direction of the church and supervision of the pastor.

Let it be remembered that the Sunday School is a component part of the church and of great encouragement and support to the minister. Many thousands date their conversion to the good impressions made in the Sunday School. Sixty per cent. of the pupils of the Sunday School join the church before they are twenty years of age. So you see that the principles of the Christian religion are more easily and effectually imparted to the minds and hearts of the young; therefore it behooves the church to use every available means to do this work, and we can safely say that no means stand superior to the Sunday School.

One of the most prominent factors that work evil to our Sunday Schools is insufficient teaching, caused from lack of proper thought, upon the subject under consideration, by the teacher.

Another great impediment to Sunday Schools, and one practiced by a great many of our country churches, is this

going into winter quarters. Sunday Schools ought to be kept up all the year, and the best literature provided.

Your committee recommend the periodicals published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LYNCH, Chairman.

The report on Temperance was read and adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

Much has been said and done to oppress this gigantic evil. Reform leagues of this civilized world have put this monster demon in the balances and found no good in him. By the effects of whiskey or wine brought Noah's household to open shame and since that day this monster has been doing its devilish work. In all the nations of the earth, by the use of alchoholic spirits, billions of souls have filled drunkards' graves and gone down to endless death. It has been the means of establishing poor-houses, alms-houses by the thousands, insane hospitals, erected penitentiaries and brought society to an open shame. In these United States the consumption of beer has increased since 1840, 1,675 per cent.; of wine, 400 per cent.; and of ardent spirits, over 200 per cent. During the same period the population increased 217 per cent. Such facts demonstrate the inefficiency of the common methods, in use, in fighting the saloon. In 1896 there were, in the United States, 1,466 rectifiers; 189,902 retail dealers; 4,416 wholesale dealers; 2,136 brewers; 107,798 retail dealers in malt liquoys. A total of 308,535. This makes no account of whiskey drummers, bar tenders, and other employees, who would probably nearly double the number. The total number engaged in this traffic must approach very near 2 per cent. of the entire adult population. In the 200,000 saloons of America, doubtless more than a million voters receive pernicious education every day in the year.

In our home state of Alabama, we have so much to feel grateful for; as it seems, the dispensary, as a general thing, is preferred to the saloon: while there is as much whiskey used from the dispensary as the saloon, but less drunkenness under the system of the dispensary. Our reform forces should take courage from what we have already gained, and rest not until we are rid of both saloon and dispensary. Since the war began, in our new islands, much trouble has been

brought about by the use of ardent spirits. In 1896, there was not a dollar's worth distilled on the island. In 1897, statistics show \$663 worth. In 1898, \$337 worth. In 1899, \$154,488 worth. The last year mentioned it is supposed they were crowded with whiskey from the United States.

Two years ago Cuba was appealing to the United States to free her from the bonds of slavery; to-day her official powers and missionary forces are petitioning to President McKinley and Congress to give them prohibition to rid them from the curse of drink. Similar circumstance exist in China and Africa. The liquor power has the country by the throat, political parties are in its grasp, Legislators are under its control, many times the Judge upon the bench and the Solicitors of the state are its servants, Grand Jurors and Sheriffs are often its faithful allies. In many towns and cities the Mayor and Council with the police are its aiders and abettors. It dictates candidates and elects them. It takes charge of public schools and raises its brazen face as the friend to education. It challenges temperance workers to do their worst. The saloon calls for 2,000,000 of our boys to run them or the saloon will close. Must you and I furnish them?

This monster demon has millions of money to back him. It helps with its money to support the government and is allowed to rob the poor. The liquor king gets richer—the country gets poorer. No doubt, in this fair land there are two great powers at work: whiskey for the devil, the elect of God for the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. The latter, with united action, have sufficient help from above to pass it to ports unknown. Shall we do it? Am I my brother's keeper?

There is an awful responsibility on the preachers of this country. They are watchmen on the walls. The sword has come, are the watchmen sounding the alarm? Your committee is informed that there are numbers of towns and cities in which the watchmen dare not sound the alarm.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BEVERLEY, Chairman.

The committee on Institute Work, read a report which was adopted:

REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.

The Institute Board was founded for a noble and Christly purpose—helpfulness for our Baptist preachers who have not enjoyed collegiate and Theological training in our schools. Of the 1,000 Baptist ministers in Alabama, only

130 have had training in our halls of learning. Our uneducated ministers fill many of our pulpits, and as a result their preaching is circumscribed, and their salaries are too small by far to give material support to their families. Any help to further the interests and work of these brethren should be hailed with joy and meet a ready support.

The expenses of our Institute Board for the last conventional year were \$1,896.23. The work done was: Institutes held, 14; number of preachers attending, 188; sermons preached by Superintendent, 188.

Bro. D. S. Lewis has agreed to give \$1,000 as a permanent endowment, provided the convention will add another \$1,000.—We recommend that the churches of this Association take at least one collection a year for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. A. P. PUGH, Chairman.

As Bro. Crumpton did not appear there was no preaching to-day.

Adjournment for dinner at 12 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

2 o'clock p. m. After singing and prayer, the Moderator called the body to order, and announced the following special committees:

On Finance—D. G. Jones, J. I. Childs, M. J. Smith.

On Nominations—T. M. Hough, J. S. Finlayson, C. W. Pitts.

On Documents—J. A. Beverley, W. H. Cope, J. D. Brooks.

On Auditing—G. W. Davis, J. E. Wilson, G. A. Norris.

The report on State Missions was read, discussed, and adopted:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board, for several years past, have devoted much of their attention to evangelistic work among the churches, with a view to their enlistment in all the work of the denomination: Missions, Pastoral Support, Ministerial Education, and all other work assigned to us by the Lord Jesus Christ; but now, the Board is giving their attention more to missionary operations in towns, cities, and country, and in assisting the weak, but promising churches in all these places; thus enabling them to meet the demands that are upon them, and helping them to a condition of self-support that will enable them to sustain themselves and

in this way, not only take care of themselves, but aid in giving the gospel to others who need their aid. Our Secretary, Bro. W. B. Crumpton, is visiting every portion of our state and enlisting the churches in this work, as only he can do, and reports the condition of Baptist affairs as very encouraging and in a hopeful condition.

This Board is, also, the agent of the Home and Foreign Missions Boards, thus saving to us the extra expense of supporting agents of these Boards in our state.

Your committee recommends the continuance of the apportionment plans recommended to the churches by our State Board of Missions, and would urge our pastors to preach frequent sermons on the subject of missions, and in every way possible, enlist our churches on this great question.

Let our people give this Board their support and sympathy and money, thus enabling them to carry on the work committed to them.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. JONES, Chairman.

Report on Home Missions read and adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

For many years this Board has been carrying forward the mission work in the destitute mountain regions of our country, and in portions of our large cities, the Indian Territory, and, also, Cuba and the newly acquired territory of our government. There is a great work to be done in our home field. The influx of population, the new isms spreading among our people, the crying needs on every hand, appeal to the churches of our country to open their hearts to these crying needs of the Master's cause. The following will partially show what has been accomplished in the different sections of the Home field in the past year:

The Home Mission Board during the past year employed 653 missionaries, 14 less than the previous year, yet there were 6,552 baptisms against 4,739 the previous year. The total additions to the churches were 12,983 against 9,509 the preceding year. Alabama, in co-operation with the Board, had 22 missionaries and 220 baptisms. The amount raised and expended on the field for Home Missions during the past year was \$65,818.81, an increase of \$1,500 over preceding year. The total amount raised on the field, including the amount expended in building houses of worship, is \$115,869.14 against \$110,636.50 the previous year, showing an increase of \$5,232.64. The total cash received by the

Board from the states is \$61,794.88, an increase of \$7,744.17 over the previous year. Of this amount Alabama contributed \$9,704.36. Twelve of the states show an increase of contributions of from \$100 to \$2,000 over last year, while only four show a slight decrease. We would call attention to the noble work of our ladies in their co-operation with the Board. Their total contribution for the last conventional year was \$36,696.73, which shows an increase of more than \$1,000 over the previous year. We would urge a larger, a more hearty co-operation, a more loyal support, in the grand work of evangelizing our home people. From this country as a center, radiating influences are going out into the uttermost parts of the earth. Support Home Missions and thus you help Foreign Missions. Give to Home Missions and you cultivate the spirit of giving to Foreign Missions. Pray for Home Missions and you cannot keep back the prayer that will inevitably spring up in the heart for the complete evangelization of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. THOMAS, Chairman.

A cash collection was taken to amount of \$5.16, and pledges taken as follows: Greenwood church, \$5.00; Union Springs church, \$10.00. The other churches would not pledge anything, but promised to try to raise some money for Brother Moseley's church in New Orleans. The cash raised was also for the same church.

The Treasurer's report was then read and adopted.

(Report on next page)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To Centennial Association:—Herewith I hand you my thirteenth annual report of all moneys received and disbursed by me since last report:

		DR.	
Oct. 16	To amt from F. O. Bickley, Clerk.....	\$175	32
Dec. 22	" " Indian Creek for Orphanage	5	00
Dec. 22	" " " " Missions	2	90
1900			
Mch. 24	" " " Aberfoil for T. M. Thomas.	2	00
Mch. 26	" " " Indian Creek for Missions	7	93
June 22	" " " " for T. M. Thomas	2	80
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Oct. 4	By balance due Treasurer as per last report	\$	31
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	" " W. B. Crumpton.....	V	3 8 00
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	" " " G. S. Anderson.	V	8 4 05
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Jan. 28	" " " W. B. Crumpton, S. Mis. V	10	15 10
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	" " " J. W. Stewart	V	11 27 55
	" " " W.A. Hobson for T. M. T. V	12	14 51
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Respectfully submitted,

B. T. ELEY, Treas. Cen. Ass'n.

The committee on Religious Exercises announced that Brother A. G. Moseley will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion a Committee on Apportionment was appoint-

ed as follows: Rev. A. P. Pugh and Brethren J. E. Jenkins and J. A. Beverly.

The report on Orphans' Home was read, and adopted after eliminating that portion concerning the history of the Home:

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

James 1:27—"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

It has been one of the fundamental principals of the Christian religion through all ages to care for the widow and orphan. All through the Bible we find exhortations and commands relative to the care and support of the fatherless. In recent years many homes have been built for the orphans, and from them are going, and will continue to go, many bright, Christian young men and women to bless the world, who, if not for this convenience, perchance, would be living monuments to ignorance and vice. Among these many homes there is one that should specially touch the heart and soul of every Baptist in Alabama. Prompted by love for the fatherless and the growing demand for such an institution, backed by a few faithful friends, our beloved Jno. W. Stewart succeeded in organizing the Baptist orphanage of Alabama. In this home the boys are taught to do farm work, while the girls do various kinds of house work, from scrubbing in the kitchen to the making of a dress. The family life of the children is about like that of any well regulated family. There are no written rules for governing the children, but they are taught to observe one rule that contains all others, viz: "Do right." While the physical and industrial life of the children are looked after carefully, their spiritual life is not neglected. Many of them have been baptized. All who are old enough attend Sunday School and church, and the regular family worship is held every evening. The 136 children who have been received since the Home was started, came from thirty counties. Of these, 2 boys and 4 girls have died, 2 boys have been apprenticed, 2 boys and 1 girl have been irregularly discharged, 13 boys and 18 girls have been returned to their people and 15 boys and 14 girls have been adopted, making 34 boys and 37 girls that have gone out from us, leaving 29 boys and 36 girls in the Home at present. Our great constant need is money or food for the regular support of these children, and our special urgent need is another building, so that we

could take proper care of our orphan children when they are sick. All the rooms are regularly occupied by the family, and when we have sick children it is impracticable to take proper care of them or to isolate them in case of contagious diseases. "I was sick and ye visited me." It takes about \$10 a day for the regular support of these children. We have no income except the free-will offerings of the friends of our work. Who will dare to say these defenseless children should not be cared for? Why are there still 500 Baptist preachers in Alabama, who, so far as is known, have never shown the least interest in this work? Why are there at least 1200 churches that have not yet been heard from? Your committee respectfully urge, that all pastors bring the need of this work before their people.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. CAYLOR, Chairman.

The body then adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday's Session.

Saturday morning, 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by Brother A. P. Pugh, after which the Moderator called the body to order.

The report on Education was read and adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee feels that a lengthy report on Education is not needed. Every body admits the necessity of, and the progress in education.

That which is needed to be emphasized most, is that of our people availing themselves of the increased facilities of learning in our state and denominational colleges.

We have several splendid denominational institutions, as follows: The Judson, at Marion; The Howard, at East Lake; The Central, at Tuscaloosa.

We earnestly commend these to the patronage of Alabama Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. FINLAYSON, Chairman.

The report on Deceased, Aged, and Infirm Ministers and their Families was read and adopted; and a cash collection was taken for the benefit of Brother Crawley's widow to the amount of \$3.40, which was sent her by Brother R. E. Cope.

REPORT ON DECEASED, AGED, AND INFIRM MINISTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Your committee on Deceased, Aged, and Infirm Ministers and Their Families report as follows: Since our last

Association it has seemed good to the Almighty God to take from us our beloved and aged brother, Rev. M. N. Eley. We are happy to report Sister Eley is left in easy circumstances. Sister Crawley has been able to make a crop. Her son and daughter being old enough to earn a living we report the family as not being in absolute need of assistance from the brethren. We would recommend that a collection be taken and the proceeds presented to Sister Crawley as a token of love.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. BROOKS, Chairman,

The following resolution was read and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That, having learned that our State Convention wishes to inaugurate a system for aiding our aged ministers, and their families after their death; we, the Centennial Association, heartily approve this movement, and promise it our support. A. P. PUGH.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and adopted:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Ministerial Education rightly holds a prominent place in the work of Baptists. Howard College is open for the collegiate instruction of our young ministers. The Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., is prepared to furnish a most excellent training in Theology. Rev. T. M. Thomas, of our Association, has recently graduated at Howard College, and Bro. J. A. Jenkins purposes attending the Theological Seminary at Louisville. We recommend that our churches take collection regularly for Ministerial Education.

Respectfully, J. L. CHILDS, Chairman.

A communication was read from the Secretary and Treasurer of the B. Y. P. U., requesting this Association to appoint some one to take up the work of the B. Y. P. U. in our bounds, and the Moderator appointed the following brethren, viz.: T. J. Dean and Henry Hendon.

11 o'clock. Preaching by Rev. A. G. Moseley. Text, Acts 13:2.

Afternoon Session.

2 o'clock p. m. After singing and prayer the body proceeded to business.

The committee on Apportionment made the following report:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your committee on Apportionment reports that those

churches which paid the amounts assigned them last year be requested to give the same amounts for the coming Associational year; and that those churches which did not meet the amounts, are requested to add 50 per cent. to their gifts for missions during the past year, provided this 50 per cent. does not exceed the amount assigned last year. In this event the amount will be the same as last year.

The committee on Foreign Missions read their report which was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The command to "go into all the world" with the Gospel is just as binding now as it was when it was given. The Baptists of our southern states are prosecuting the work of preaching to heathen lands through the Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., and the Lord has, in the past few years, wonderfully blessed its efforts. Our 25 per cent. increase of contributions for the past year was met by the Lord with a 50 per cent. increase in conversions. The Baptists of Alabama are asked this year for thirteen thousand dollars for this work. Does the amount seem too large? It is not the value of one egg a month from each Baptist in the state. We recommend that the churches of this Association take regular collections for this work during the coming year, and that in our services we preach, pray, and sing more on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. HOUGH, Chairman.

The committee on Religious Exercises report that we will have Centennial services to-morrow at 9 o'clock; that Bro. Pugh will preach at 11 o'clock; and Bro. Moseley at 1:30 p.m.

The report of the committee on the State of the Churches was read and adopted:

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONAL FIELD

Your committee on the State of the Churches make the following report: So far as we are able to ascertain, the churches, except two, have had pastors all, or most of, the past year. Some of the churches report revivals. Just what the field work has been we are not able to say. Some of the churches have no prayer meeting, and no Sunday School. We recommend to these churches the necessity of organizing Sunday Schools and prayer meetings. We think there is no better way to build up a weak church than to have a good, live weekly Sunday School and prayer meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BROOKS, Chairman.

The committee on Religious Literature read report which was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee beg to urge our brethren to take greater interest in the circulation and dissemination of our religious literature among us. Next to the Word of God we regard it in importance to us and our children. We deem it a duty that every Baptist family should subscribe to and read our state paper, The Alabama Baptist, and The Foreign Mission Journal, especially. Our land is full of choice religious periodicals that are so cheap that none need be without some of them. Brethren, let us wake up to the importance of this question and meet it, as duty demands that we should.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. DAYIS, Chairman.

The committee on Documents reported, and report was adopted:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We your committee on Documents beg leave to report: A great deal more could be accomplished by our denomination if we were acquainted with our plans and ways, and a greater per cent. of our number would become enthused over the work assigned them by our Lord. In order to accomplish this great end we feel that we need to be educated up to that standard. Hence, first of all, we recommend the Old and New Testament as the true Word of God, second, The Alabama Baptist, Western Recorder, Baptist Standard, and Christian Index. We would urge the churches to write to the Sunday School Board and Foreign Mission Board as they have a quantity of Baptist literature that would do the denomination great good.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BEVERLY, J. L. CHILDS, W. H. COPE

The committee on Nominations read their report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations recommend that the Association hold its next session with Indian Creek church, on Tuesday before the second Sunday in October, 1901. 2nd. That Elder A. P. Pugh preach the introductory sermon. 3rd. That the district meeting for the eastern district be held with Aberfoil church, and the western district, with Hardaway church. 4th. That Elders A. P. Pugh, G. W. Harrison, and T. M. Thomas, and Brethren B. T. Eley, R.

E. Cope, G. F. Carlisle, C. W. Sellers, J. E. Jenkins, E. W. Starke, and J. D. Brooks to be Messengers to the Baptist State Convention, and that Elder A. P. Pugh be the Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention. We also recommend that the present Executive Committee be re-elected with Bro. C. W. Sellers added in Elder M. N. Eley's (dec'd) place.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. HOUGH, Chairman.

On motion it was ordered that, the Clerk be paid \$15.00 for his services.

Returned correspondents as follows: to the Eufaula Association, S. J. Ming; to Troy Association in 1901, Rev. A. P. Pugh.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

On State Missions—C. A. Davis, J. A. Lynch, W. A. C. May.

On Home Missions—J. A. Jenkins, J. H. Cogdell J. P. Rotton.

On Foreign Missions—J. A. Beverly, J. S. Finlayson, J. L. Childs.

On Ministerial Education—T. M. Thomas, J. F. Martin, G. W. Davis.

On Sunday Schools—E. A. Brooks, W. A. Powell, J. P. Davis.

On Education—J. M. Sanders, T. J. Dean, R. L. Prince.

On Deceased, Aged, and Infirm Ministers and Their Families—G. W. Harrison, Jas. Jones, G. A. Norris.

On the State of the Churches and Associational Field—J. E. Jenkins, H. G. McGilverry, V. H. Tillery.

On Temperance—J. D. Brooks, C. W. Pitts, R. E. Cope.

On Orphans' Home—W. E. Eubanks, M. J. Smith, H. S. Kirby.

On Institute Work—T. B. Miles, T. M. Hough, W. H. Cope.

On Religious Literature—J. P. Downing, G. F. Carlisle, H. F. Traywick.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be heartily given to Mt. Carmel Baptist church and community for their kind and abundant hospitality to the messengers and visitors during this session of the Association.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to correct any errors he may find in resolutions or reports submitted during the session of the Association.

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Centennial Association be invited to hold a meeting on Tuesday or any other day of the meeting of this Association in 1901.

A. P. PUGH.

On motion the present Executive Committee was re-elected, to-wit: Elder A. P. Pugh, and Brethren George Williams, B. T. Eley, F. O. Bickley, T. M. Gholston, J. E. Jenkins, J. L. Childs, W. A. Powell, and C. W. Sellers in our deceased Brother Eley's place.

The Finance Committee handed in their report, which was turned over to the Clerk for correction. On motion all moneys undesignated are to be turned over to the Treasurer, for Bro. Crumpton for Missions, except \$15.00 for Clerks services.

The Association adjourned to meet with Indian Creek church on Tuesday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1901.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Moderator.

F. O. BICKLEY, Clerk.

Sunday.

Sunday, 9 o'clock a. m. Brethren A. P. Pugh and A. G. Moseley made excellent speeches on the growth of the Baptists in the last century, after which adjourned for preaching.

11 o'clock. Preaching by Brother A. P. Pugh Text, 2 Timothy 1:14.

2 o'clock p. m. Preaching by Brother A. G. Moseley.

List of Ordained Ministers.

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.	NO. CHURCHES PASTOR OF.
J. O. Hixson	Union Springs	0
A. P. Pugh	Union Springs	1
G. W. Harrison	Perote	4
J. A. Jenkins	Louisville, Ky. (Seminary)	4
T. M. Thomas	Inverness or Eufaula	1
G. L. Yates	Fitzpatrick	3

Statistics of Centennial-Association for the Year 1900.

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE	Increase by		Decrease by		Sunday School		Super'dent's Name and P. O.	Preaching Sabbaths	Rept's p'mt'g	Reports Rv's		
					Baptism	Letter	Restor'n	n	Letter	Exclu'n	Death	Present Membership				
Alberton	Bullock	G W	Harrison	J A Beverly	38	4	3	...	48	1	1	35	1	1	1	
Fairview	"	"	"	Inverness	38	4	3	...	48	1	1	37	1	1	1	
Greenwood	"	G W	Harrison	J S Kirby	33	5	5	...	33	1	1	34	1	1	1	
Hardaway	"	G W	Harrison	G A Parker	33	3	15	...	33	1	1	34	6	1	1	
Indian Creek	Goliad	G W	Harrison	G A Davis	56	3	12	2	55	2	1	55	5	1	1	
Inverness	"	"	"	Perole	96	4	12	2	95	1	1	95	40	R E Cope, Indian	1	
Liberty	"	"	"	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	1	1	1
Loftin	Pike	J M	Hough	Mascot	77	5	8	1	73	1	1	73	1	1	1	
Macedonia	Bullock	J A Jenkins	W C Dozier	Josie	57	5	1	6	53	2	1	52	6	29	4	
Midway	Montgomery	W A May	W A C May	Mascot	71	3	1	1	74	1	1	74	1	1	1	
Mt. Carmel	Bullock	Jas. Jones	Jas. Jones	Shopton	51	3	2	2	50	1	1	50	2	1	1	
Mt. Zion	"	J W Dickinson	J W Dickinson	Inverness	85	3	2	2	88	1	1	88	2	1	1	
Perole	"	J R McDowell	J R McDowell	Perole	112	1	1	1	103	1	1	103	1	1	1	
Sards	"	G I Yeates	J F Martin	Union	44	1	1	1	33	1	1	33	1	1	1	
Union Springs	A P Pugh	Geo. Williams	Union Springs	Union Springs	27	11	3	1	40	1	1	30	14	130	3	
Totals					1095	25	25	1	106	9	11	1073	31	254	1	

Financial Exhibit of Centennial Association for year 1900.

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